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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Austin SMITH et al. )  
Continuation Application of ) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned  
PCT/GB99/01136 )  
Filed: Concurrently herewith ) Examiner: Not yet assigned  
For: LINEAGE SPECIFIC CELLS )  
AND PROGENITOR CELLS )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination and calculation of the fee due in the above captioned application, please amend this application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 21 without prejudice.

3. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1 [or 2] wherein the multipotential cell is selected from embryonic stem (ES) cells, embryonic germ (EG) cells, embryonic carcinoma (EC) cells, a primary culture of foetal cells, a primary culture of post-natal cells, and a primary culture of adult cells.

4. (Amended) A method according to Claim 1[, 2 or 3] comprising genetically modifying multipotential cells to delete, mutate, substitute or add genes in order (i) to

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